

## **NYPTA State Budget Talking Points – December 2022**

- NYPTA thanks Governor Hochul and the Legislature for the increase in state funding for public transit passed in the budget last April.
- This state aid, coupled with the one-time federal Covid relief funding, allowed transit systems across the state to maintain services during the pandemic to transport essential workers and keep the economy moving.
- We learned many lessons during the pandemic - one of the biggest was the value that public transit provides to all New Yorkers.
- The need for more and better mobility is evident across our communities as people want more mobility choices and transit services that are modern, dependable, and reliable.
- With ridership starting to come back and statewide initiatives related to climate change, economic growth, and equity driving demand, public transit systems need better sources of dedicated funding to grow and to meet the needs of communities throughout the state.
- The MTA is facing a financial crisis that threatens its future, and all transit systems in will face budget shortfalls soon as one-time federal relief funds are exhausted.
- Now is the time to embrace an approach that increases funding for all of New York's transit systems and creates a long-term, sustainable solution.
- We urge the Governor and legislature to embrace a statewide approach to fund transit and make mobility better for everyone.